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Vicki Brooker photo

Three generations of Barrie McFadyen's family - his mother Violet, sister Myrna Fox and grandson Tyrell Appleton - presented the first Barrie Wayne McFadyen Memorial Scholarship to Erin Lindquist, a 2008 F. G. Miller High School graduate who, Fox said, "has truly exemplified Barrie's personal aspirations regarding perfectionism and helping others to be successful." More Awards Day photos, Page 2.

By VICKI BROOKER
Review Staff

Students and staff of F. G. Miller High School honoured the memories of Grade 12 student Katja Brand and school bus driver Barrie McFadyen at their annual Christmas brunch on Friday, Dec. 19.

The gym stage was heaped with "Katja's Kritters," stuffed animals collected by the students after Brand passed away in a September 25 highway crash, as the crowd heard welcoming messages from principal Colin Bjorkman vice-principal Cheri Lindquist and deputy superintendent of schools Glen Brodziak.

Librarian Denise Bjorkman, along with Brand's parents and her sister Ramona, presented the toys to Guy Genereux and his fellow Victim Services members.

"The Crusader family tapped into Katja's school spirit in this toy drive," Bjorkman said, noting that "a long list of donors" had brought contributions. "I'm sure Katja would be so honoured by this."

"In a perfect world," Genereux said, "we wouldn't need a single one of these animals, to bring smiles to our clients," who are young victims of accident or tragedy. "We are very thankful and we will be thinking of Katja when these are given out."

Classmates Marisa Bader and Robyn Ockerman presented the Brand family with a scrapbook of mementos of Katja's years at F.G. Miller.

Ramona then took her sister's place in the lineup of Grade 12s, who served turkey and all the trimmings, prepared by their class, to their fellow students, school staff and special guests.

St. Paul Education Regional Division No. 1 board chair Darrell Younghans spoke after the meal, complimenting the Grade 12s and Lindquist on the meal. He also commented on the formal dance held the previous evening, noting, "It was pretty impressive to see everyone dressed up and behaving nicely."

"Yesterday at the Elementary concert I asked the parents to be extra patient with their young ones these next two weeks as they are home for the holidays."

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ED coordinator pleased with input at meeting

By VICKI BROOKER
Review Staff

Economic development coordinator Bob Bezpalko told Elk Point Town Council at their final meeting of 2008 that he was "very happy" with the meeting of stakeholders held to discuss plans for Elk Point's staging area. Numerous ideas were put forward and have to be addressed, he noted, and the chamber of commerce has already agreed to work with the Elk Point Trail Riders Snowmobile Club on the design of a secure storage facility for visitors' ATVs or snowmobiles.

Bezpalko distributed notes from the meeting to council, and said he would like their input on the matters discussed, because "the town has final say" on developing the area.

The fenced-off area owned by Esso was a concern, and

Bezpalko said, "We have to proceed with planning as if we don't have (the use of) it."

Mayor Parrish Tung said Esso doesn't plan to sell the property, "but might lease it if we pave it. Once we have an overall plan, I want to establish the town's interest in the property for the future."

Chamber president Sandy Smith is looking at an artist's concept of the entire area, including a future water park and museum, Bezpalko said.

Trail links to Fort George and Buckingham House Historic Site, Elk Point airport and Whitney Lakes Provincial Park were also discussed at the stakeholders' meeting, as was access to the motels for ATVs and snowmobiles. Interest was also shown in the inclusion of sections in the eco centre offering information on history and

the oil industry.

"Elk Point is very serious about promoting the area," Bezpalko said. "The chamber is short on personnel, but not on heart and desire. How do we put this plan together, and how do we proceed?" he asked council.

Mayor Tung suggested another meeting be held with the stakeholders in the future.

Agreements approved

Construction manager agreements for both the fire hall and the eco centre received council's approval.

Operating budget

Elk Point's 2009 operating budget also received council's approval. The operating budget must be in place by Dec. 31 of each year.

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Kritters, album keep Katja's memory alive

For the second year in a row, the memory of an F. G. Miller Grade 12 student has been honoured at the school's Christmas Brunch. This year, in memory of Katja Brand, a huge collection of "Katja's Kritters" (right) were collected for distribution to children involved in accidents or who have suffered other trauma, and were presented by Guy Genereux and his fellow Victim Services workers by Brand's parents, her sister Ramona and F. G. Miller librarian Denise Bjorkman. Below, Katja's classmates Robyn Ockerman and Marisa Bader presented the Brands with an album chronicling her involvement in the school. Below left, Ramona joined her sister's classmates to serve brunch to students, staff and guests.



The contributions of willing bingo workers Anne Uchman and Laverne Wilson were honoured at the brunch when vice principal Cheri Lindquist presented them with Crusader T-shirts.



St. Paul Education Regional Division No. 1 board chairman Darrell Younghans presented the Barrie Wayne McFadyen Memorial Plaque to Barrie's mother Violet McFadyen, sister Myrna Fox and grandson Tyrell Appleton and to F. G. Miller principal Colin Bjorkman. The plaque will bear the names of annual recipients of the scholarship that has been established in McFadyen's memory.



Treasured recollections of high school years half a century ago were made into a memory book by Elk Point High School's Class of 1958 on the occasion of their 50th anniversary reunion last spring. Myrna Fox presented a copy of the book to Denise Bjorkman for inclusion in the F. G. Miller library.

Sheri Schmitt accepted gift baskets for both her family and ATB Financial from volleyball captains Chevy Botting and Billy Hudy, in appreciation of their support of the volleyball program



Wish list underway for eco centre, area

By Vicki Brooker
Review Staff

The eco centre was front and centre on the Elk Point Chamber of Commerce agenda at their final meeting of 2008, on Dec. 17.

Dwayne Yaremkevich reported on his meeting in Lloydminster with the structural engineer and architect, and said the chamber should have a 3-D plan by Jan. 17.

The 3-D plan would be a

"wish list" for the area, and town Coun. Dick Millar feels this could "open up dialogue with residents."

The engineering firm is doing a green project in Lloydminster and is putting together a team that will specialize in that technology, Yaremkevich said.

Another local resident, Ian Kossey, has recently expressed an interest in being involved in the pro-

ject, Mark Gormley reported. The importance of making a budget for the entire project was brought to the chamber's attention, but president Sandy Smith says this "will have to wait until these people get back to us with costs" on the green components.

A building where ATVs and snowmobiles could be safely stored is also being considered. Yaremkevich

suggested a garage-type facility, and said he feels "it would be good to have a lease facility available for residents" as well as spaces to accommodate visiting units.

"We can't do this hodgepodge," Bob Bezpalko cautioned. "It has to be esthetically pleasing." A design that would coordinate with the eco centre and continue the railway theme was sug-

gested.

Snowmobile club members had also mentioned a windbreak-type shelter, and recreation director Valerie Lazicki felt the chamber's planned "mall maps" could be incorporated into that structure.

Bezpalko said that ideas were plentiful, but "if the town approved them, we could have a million dollar project here, and right now

we're struggling with one part of it."

Millar agreed that the chamber should concentrate on "the big project, the eco centre, and get it done."

Bezpalko also expressed concern regarding finishing the interior of the structure, and making plans to staff it year round. High school students and seniors were both seen as potential volunteers to provide information to travelers.

Signage indicating the location of the centre and finding a name for the area were also discussed at the meeting.

Lazicki reported on her findings regarding a water play park, and said one company she investigated has worked in a number of communities province wide and has designed and installed a number of these facilities. They are even willing to assist with grant applications, which could cut the cost of installing a park substantially. A playground would be a logical complement to the water park, she noted.

Coun. Millar said he felt the concept had "lots of merit."

Due to the holiday season, the chamber will hold their first meeting of 2009 at noon on Wednesday, Jan. 14 rather than a week earlier, which would fall on Ukrainian Christmas.

Memories honoured at brunch

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"Today I'm going to ask you students to be extra patient with your parents and humour them in their holiday requests. I know most of you are at the stage in your lives when hanging with your parents and family is not necessarily number one on your to-do list, but in their way of a gift, believe me, there is nothing better you can give them than your company."

"The value of sharing one another's company is something that very sadly has been brought home to this school two years in a row, as we have lost another Grade 12 student. In a small community and a small school, these tragedies touch every one of us and are a stark reminder to us how precious the time we spend with one another is."

"I also want to say how proud I am of the way you as a school community and student body came together to honour Katja's memory and support one another. I know our future will be in good hands with caring young people like you stepping up to take the reins."

Youngmans also paid tribute to the memory of longtime school bus driver Barrie McFadyen, whose family has established a memorial scholarship, and on behalf of SPERD, presented the school with a large and handsome plaque, which will be inscribed with the names of its recipients.

Violet McFadyen, Myrna Fox and Tyrell Appleton came forward to accept the plaque honouring their son, brother and grandfather, and

later to present it to the first scholarship recipient.

Fox gave a biography of her brother, who was born at Islay, and came to the Armistice district in 1954, when the nine-year-old was stricken with polio, so he could receive the required medical treatment under the care of Dr. F. G. Miller. When he recovered sufficiently, he attended and completed school in Elk Point.

After his school years, while expanding his Aberdeen Angus cattle herd, he worked at the Elk Point White Rose, later Shell, service station and at Zarowny Motors, later going into a partnership with brother-in-law Bill Fox to own and operate Elk Point Transport. He returned to the service station business some years later as owner of the Shell station.

In 1977, he married Christine Appleton. They built a home on the farm and moved to the country, and Barrie began his 30-year career as a school bus owner and operator, while continuing to build his cattle herd.

"Barrie was a kind, caring, dependable and good-natured person who would give generously of his time and skills to help others," Fox said. "It was common for him to be helping neighbours with haying, baling, mechanical work, welding, cattle problems, hauling feed, helping someone who was ill, doing chores while a neighbour was away on holidays."

"He was always a very quiet, humble individual

who never sought praise or recognition for himself. He was happy to bring happiness to others and was very proud of his wife Chris, five children, 12 grandchildren and one great-grandchild, as well as his mother and father, brother and sister. He was truly a loyal and dedicated family person and a valued and respected community person who had many friends of all ages."

Fox said the family's sincere hope is that "the positive difference he has made in the lives of so many people because of his kind, gentle and caring ways, his honesty and dependability, his commitment to mankind and to nature, his talents and strong work ethic, his citizenship qualities, and his generosity will be a legacy that will always be remembered, admired and valued."

As McFadyen's family struggled with their loss, the thought of developing a scholarship in his memory, to help young people to achieve success, came to mind, Fox said, and with the help of Jean Champagne and the school division, it became a reality.

The annual \$500 scholarship will go to an F. G. Miller student with a minimum 80 per cent average in Grade 12 who is going on to post-secondary education, preferably but not necessarily in an agriculture-related field.

This year's recipient, Erin Lindquist, Fox said, "has truly exemplified Barrie's personal aspirations regarding perfectionism and helping others to be successful. She has main-

tained a 90 per cent average throughout her high school years, has been active in school affairs and served on numerous committees that have provided helpful and valuable assistance and leadership to the students at F. G. Miller. Despite a very serious illness last spring, Erin persevered and completed her Grade 12 with a 93 per cent average and is now attending the University of Alberta."

Fox also presented a second scholarship, this time on behalf of the Elk Point Health Care Centre Auxiliary. The Dr. Anne Weigerinck Scholarship, honouring one of Elk Point's four pioneer doctors, goes annually to a student entering the medical field, and actually can be two scholarships, a \$250 scholarship for a student entering a one-year program and a \$500 scholarship for a student who has successfully completed the first year of a two-year program. This year's Dr. Anne Weigerinck Scholarship went to Terri White.

Fox also had gift for the F. G. Miller library, and presented librarian Denise Bjorkman with a copy of a memory book put together by Elk Point High School's Class of 1958 in honour of their 50-year reunion this past May.

Crusader T-shirts were presented to two people who are often willing to work bingos on the school's behalf on short notice, Anne Uchman and Laverne Wilson.

Appreciation gifts were also presented by the volleyball captains Chevy Botting and Billy Hudy to Sheri Schmitt, representing both ATB Financial and the Schmitt family.

The Grade 7 band welcomed FGM's Crusader mascot with his own song before the presentation of awards got underway, (see Page 6) and following the awards, added a few more numbers. Songs by Lacey Gadwa and a piano classic by Oliver Buck also were part of the program.

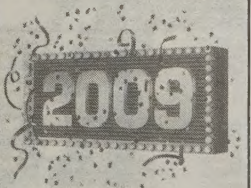
To finish up the afternoon, Dave Shankowsky and Sherry Smith made the draws in the Travel Club raffle, with Marilyn Lindsay of St. Paul winning the artwork created by Erin Robbie-Wells, a GPS donated by REMS Welding going to Adrian Ewasiuk, a karaoke machine donated by Elk Point Volunteer Firefighters going to Gloria Makokis of Saddle Lake, a snowman ornament donated by Elk Point Co-op going to Sheri Schmitt, and a table runner donated by Donna Bassett going to Claudine Roberts.

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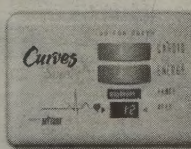


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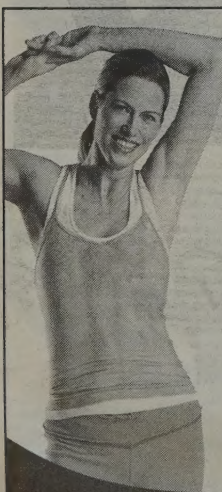
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EDITORIAL

Going dancing this New Year's?

With Christmas over, thoughts turn to New Year's Eve, and how to celebrate the coming of 2009.

Even as recently as a decade ago, this might have meant deciding which country hall dance to attend, following a custom dating back to the area's earliest days, when schools were often turned into dance halls for such occasions, the desks stacked off to one side, babies put to sleep on folded coats behind the piano and the floor filled with dancers. At midnight, a washboiler of coffee and dishpans filled with sandwiches would appear for lunch time, after which everyone would dance some more before heading out into the frigid night with their old jalopies or teams and wagons.

It was sad to hear that many of the country halls are closing their doors permanently and turning over their keys to the municipality. Grants are available to hall boards, but those can't begin to pay for the upkeep needed on some of the aging structures. That, added to the busy lifestyles that keep many rural residents from volunteering as much as they might like to, has made the country hall a rarity.

We are fortunate in this area to still have many of our halls, including Heinsburg, Ferguson Flats and Stoney Lake, still operating on a regular basis, and Armistice still being kept up and ready to be used should the occasion warrant. The Spring Park people, too, aren't ready to let go of their community tradition.

The halls in town are larger, better equipped and certainly more suitable for such festivities as a wedding dance, but the country halls were a longstanding tradition that will linger on in many memories when "New Year's Eve dance" comes to mind.

WAY BACK WHEN...

Extravaganza, Year of Family, lighting winners

HERE'S THE NEWS THAT MADE THE HEADLINES OF THE LAKELAND REVIEW AND ELK POINT FOR THE WEEK OF DEC. 30 IN...

1988

Elk Point's second annual Christmas Extravaganza was a huge success, with Gaylene Domstad, Josie Zarowny, Ken Pinder and Elsie Oryschuk winning the Elk Point Bucks and a real live moose calf among the attractions for the festive evening. Darlene and Orest Sereda won the residential category of the Christmas Lighting and Decorating contest, with Mike and Judy Scott first in the new apartment category and Dave's Pizza winning the commercial division.

1993

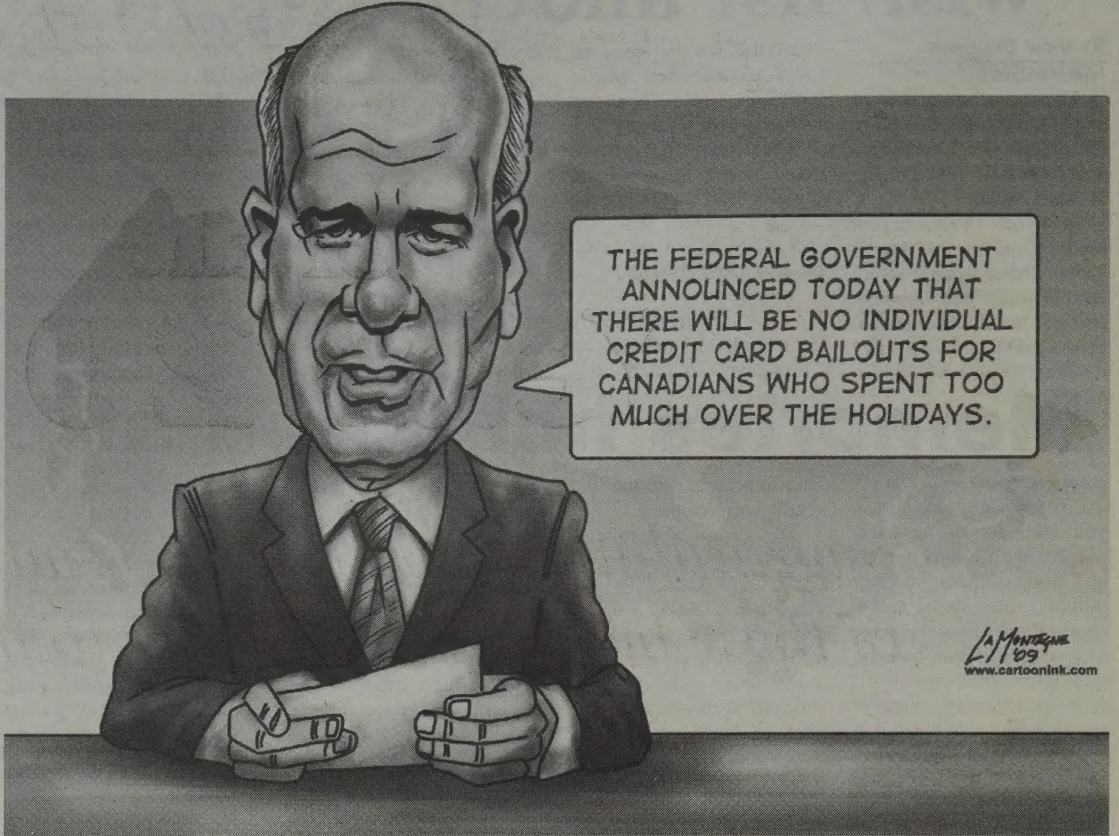
Mayor Ed Buck proclaimed 1994 as the International Year of the Family as a large delegation from Elk Point Interagency Committee, town and county FCSS and country council witnessed the signing. Armand and Yvette Houle, Elmer McMillan and Christine Bintz and Heritage Lodge were among the winners of the Christmas lighting and decorating contest.

1998

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2003

Elk Point's glittering Christmas displays showed Santa the way to town, with Len and Diane Cole winning the annual lighting contest's residential award and Jack and Leona Bretzer winning the award for manufactured homes. Good advice was offered to those intent on keeping their New Year's resolutions.



GUEST COLUMN

Ring out the old year

Only a day from now, we will all be saying, "Happy New Year" to all our friends and neighbours. There is carol or hymn which speaks about the new year that not all of you may be familiar with that has the title: "Ring Out, Wild Bells." It is as follows:

*Ring out, wild bells, to the wild sky,
The flying cloud, the frosty light.
The year is dying in the night;
Ring out, wild bells, and let him die.
The year is dying in the night.
Ring out, wild bells, and let him die.*

*Ring out the old; ring in the new.
Ring, happy bells, across the snow.
The year is going; let him go.
Ring out the false; ring in the true.
The year is going; let him go.
Ring out the false; ring in the true.*

*Ring in the valiant men and free,
The larger heart, a kindlier hand.
Ring out the darkness of the land;
Ring in the Christ that is to be.
Ring out the darkness of the land;
Ring in the Christ that is to be.*

In this hymn written to mark the joy and resolve of a new year, faith and optimism are triumphant. The false makes way for the true; the darkness makes way for "the Christ that is to be." It is a strong statement of hope in the future and in the divine destiny of mankind.

The Elk Point Review publishes a variety of opinions as a contribution to debate on matters of public concern. Unsigned editorials express the view of this newspaper's editorial board which includes the Publisher and the Editor. Signed pieces express the view of the individual writer.

Tragedy came into the life of Alfred Tennyson when his closest friend, the gifted Arthur H. Hallam, died at age twenty-two. Over the next fourteen years, Tennyson worked through his grief in a long poem (actually a series of 131 shorter poems), which he called In Memoriam. He sometimes referred to In Memoriam by subtitle, "The Progress of the Soul," because it describes the steps by which his intense personal grief finally brought him to greater compassion and spiritual sensitivity. "Ring Out, Wild Bells," one of the poems from this long work, shows Tennyson's determination to leave behind the disappointment and narrow vision of the past and reach out toward "the larger heart, the kindlier hand."

The composition of the tune involves an equally dramatic story. Crawford Gates had loved "Ring Out, Wild Bells" since he was a child, when his aunt Lucile Gates read to him from the poems of Tennyson. He had always considered it "a poetic encouragement to real repentance. The final line, 'Ring in the Christ that is to be,' asks us to rise to the full stature of Christ within ourselves."

So as 2008 draws to a close, may the words of the song "Ring Out, Wild Bells" make sense as we close the pages of 2008 in our lives and look forward to new pages in our lives of 2009.

And yes,, Happy New Year, everyone!



deanna
EASTHOPE
from the FCSS desk



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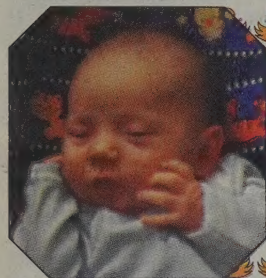
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O'Reilly**
Date of Birth:
October 31, 2008
Weight: 6 lbs. 7 oz.
Daughter of
Darryl and Lorrie
O'Reilly



**Evan Robert James
Hodder**
Date of Birth:
November 5, 2008
Weight: 6 lbs. 1/8 oz. Height: 20"
Son of
Courtney & Jeff
Hodder



**Katriona Leigh
Daniels**
Date of Birth:
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Weight: 8 lbs. 13 oz. Height: 21"
Daughter of
Dave & Tamara
Daniels



**Trayden Edward
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Gadwa



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Kulczycki



**Trystn Kenneth
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Weight: 8 lbs. 1/2 oz.
Son of
Brandi & Kyle Sakowsky



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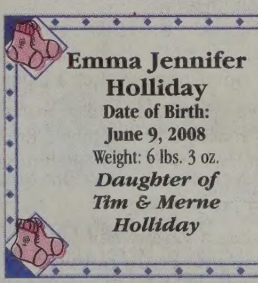
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Height: 51 cm
Daughter of
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**Kaysen Bobby
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Son of
Jacques & Felina
de Moissac



**Charles William
Lesyk**
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January 25, 2008
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Son of
Kelly Elliott &
Willie Lesyk



**Emma Jennifer
Holliday**
Date of Birth:
June 9, 2008
Weight: 6 lbs. 3 oz.
Daughter of
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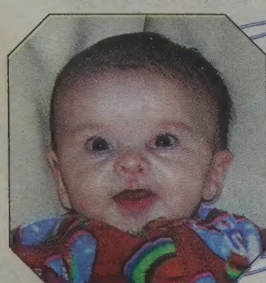
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Saude**
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Weight: 6 lbs. 3 oz. Height: 19 1/2"
Son of
Robyn (Danyluk)
& Erik Saude



**Mylee Ashlin
Kozicky**
Date of Birth:
April 12, 2008
Weight: 7 lbs. 13 oz. Height: 20"
Daughter of
Ian & Ruby
Kozicky



**Lincoln Rock
Pankiw**
Date of Birth:
June 2, 2008
Weight: 7 lbs. 14 oz.
Height: 22 cm
Son of
Jason & Tessa Pankiw



**Rachel Sandra
Barbara Marland**
Date of Birth:
August 15, 2008
Weight: 6 lbs. 12 1/2 oz. Height:
17 1/8"
Daughter of
Rosanna & Chris
Marland

Precious one, so small, so sweet,
Dancing in on angel feet,
Straight from Heaven's brightest star!
What a miracle you are!



Class of 2008 graduates who were warmly welcomed back to F. G. Miller and receive awards at the brunch were, left to right, Erin Lindquist, Terri White, Nicole Labrie and Bailey Youngmans.



Grade 11 award recipients



Grade 10 award recipients



Grade 9 award recipients

Dr. Anne Weigerinck Scholarship

Myrna Fox presented the Elk Point Health Care Auxiliary's Dr. Anne Weigerinck scholarship to Terri White at the Awards Day.



Grade 7 award recipients Sherida Germain, Tia Lowry, Taylor Cochrane and Leigha Bishop. Sorry - no Grade 8 photo available.

2007-08 awards presented

F. G. Miller High School celebrated the success of their students during the 2007-08 school year with the presentation of awards on Dec. 19 in conjunction with their annual Christmas brunch. Recipients were:

Junior High Honour Awards

(average of 80 per cent or higher in Language Arts, Mathematics, Science and Social Studies)

Grade 7 (sponsored by CNRL): Trever Ballas, Mandy Berg, Leigha Bishop, Taylor Cochrane, Sherida Germain, Aaron Graus, Tia Lowry, Katrina MacLellan, Violet Zimmerman.

Grade 8 (Elk Point Chamber of Commerce): Josh Aarbo, Cory Babcock, Cody Knopp, Kelsey Lindquist.

Grade 9 (Elk Point Elks): Gregory Babcock, Brendan Bishop, Seanna Ewasiuk, Dylan Kwaznycia, Scott Labrie, Courtney MacLellan, Kaitlyn Orr, Miranda Robinson, Brianna White.

Senior High Honour Awards

(average of 80 per cent or higher in English, Mathematics, Science and Social Studies)

Grade 10: Alyx Aarbo, Kameron Ballas, Oliver Buck, Dusty Frisby.

Grade 11: Nicole Kalynchuk.

Grade 12: Erin Lindquist, Adam Zapesocki.

Merit Pins

(75 per cent or higher in subject area)

Grade 10: Alyx Aarbo (English 10-1, Math 10P, Social 10-1, Science 10, French), Jordan Angus (Science 14), Kameron Ballas (English 10-1, Math 10P, Science 10, French), Oliver Buck (English 10-1, Math 10P, Social 10-1, Science 10, French), Anita Rose Cardinal (Science 14), Mike Czerkowski (Science 14), Justin Delorme (Science 14), Dakota Desjarlais (English 10-1, Math 10P), Adrianna Faithful (Science 14), Keegan Forbister (English 10, Science 14), Dusty Frisby (English 10-1, Math 10P, Social 10-1, Science 10, French), Josh Gadowski (English 10-1, Science 10), Brett Lindquist (English 10, Math 10 P, Science 10), Owen Lowry (English 10-1), Amber Sadowinski (Math 10A, French), Kevin

Smith (Science 14), Milo Smith (English 10-1, Science 10), Cale Szeponski (Science 14), Kyle Tingey (Science 14), Graham Zarowny (Science 14).

Grade 11: Brandon Condon (Science 24), Megan Derewynka (French), Kevin Gadwa (Math 24), Ashley Garrett (Biology), Nicole Kalynchuk (English 20-1, Math 10P, Physics, Chemistry, Biology, French), Mindy Meger (Math 20A), Kurtis Morris (Math 20P, Physics, Chemistry), Tyson Ockerman (Physics, Chemistry), Jason Proskiw (Chemistry), Corey Smereka (Physics, Chemistry), Jeremy Smereka (Math 20P, Chemistry), Matthew Tymofichuk (Physics, Chemistry, French), Ashley Wowk (Math, Physics, Chemistry).

Grade 12: Melissa Frisby (French 30), Kass Haines (Social 33), Zoey Kinjerski (Biology), Nicole Labrie (English 30-1, Social 30, French 30), Erin Lindquist (English 30-1, Math 30P/31, Social 30, Chemistry, Biology, Physics, French), Natalie Maas (Math 30A, Social 33), Allan MacDonald (Social 33), Marvin Ockerman (Math 30A), Tyson Proskiw (Math 31, Social 33), Colin Routhier (English 30-2, Social 33), Bryant Schnurer (Social 33), Kelsey Slywka (Social 33), Terri White (English 30-1), Math 30P/31, Social 30, Chemistry, Biology, Physics, French), Justyne Wozniak (French), Derek Wruth (English 30-2, Math 30A, Social 33), Bailey Youngmans (English 30-1, Chemistry), Adam Zapesocki (Math 30P, Chemistry, Physics).

Citizenship

Junior High - Brianna White;

Senior High - Terri White.

Subject Awards

French: Grade 7 - Trever Ballas, Leigha Bishop; Grade 8 - Cody Knopp; Grade 9 - Brianna White; French 20 - Alyx Aarbo; French 30 - Nicole Kalynchuk.

Computer Processing: Grade 7 - Katrina MacLellan; Grade 10 - Amber Sadowinski.

Home Economics Family Life: Grade 8 - Kelsey Lindquist; Grade 9 - Courtney MacLellan.

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Year in review with MLA Ray Danyluk

By SHAUNA BURKE
Review Contributor

Local MLA for Lac La Biche St. Paul Ray Danyluk recently took time to discuss the year that was, and his outlook for the year that will be in 2009.

One of the most discussed issues of 2008 has been the economy.

"With a drop in oil prices from \$147 per barrel down to \$47 per barrel, that has to be your primary concern," said Danyluk, adding, "The key is to keep people employed."

"We are very fortunate in this province in that we have a sustainability fund to help through difficult times," said Danyluk "but it is only good if the downturn in the economy lasts a few years, if it goes longer, like 5 years, then we cannot depend on the sustainability fund. We need to be fiscally responsible."

Health Care

In the past year the provincial government has eliminated health care premiums.

The amalgamation of the health care services under one provincial authority is a proactive move on the part of the provincial government to share resources and reduce duplication of services.

In the New Year, Ambulance services will also be unified under one authority, which again will make the system more efficient and reduce waste, said Danyluk.

Education

"Locally [the economy] will not impact the St. Paul solution for projects such as school modernizations at St. Paul Elementary and Racette, and the building of

the new French school, because the funds for those projects have already been delivered," explained Danyluk.

Agriculture

Agriculture is a concern in this area because our production exceeds our consumption, so much of it must be sold to international markets, says Danyluk, adding right now the U.S. is our main market.

Last year we saw a brief increase in food prices but then the price fell. The Farmers had to put in their crops when the price of fuel was still high but now they will have to sell when the market is low and that is a problem.

For "longevity we need to look at European and Asian markets," said Danyluk.

A bill passed by the federal government will require five per cent of all gasoline sold in Canada to be ethanol by 2010 and two percent of all diesel and heating oil to be biodiesel by 2012. "Mandatory percentages adds longevity to the market," he added.

Looking into the New Year

According to Danyluk, the number one issue is the sustainability of municipalities. "We need to sit down with municipalities and identify local priorities and then set out a plan to help them meet their needs," said Danyluk.

The Municipal Sustainability Initiative (MSI) is long-term funding by Government of Alberta to enhance municipal sustainability and to enable municipalities to meet the demands of growth. The program includes both capital and operating components.

Storseth looks to 2009

By SHAUNA BURKE
Review Contributor

Although one of the biggest issues facing the federal government in 2008 is still ongoing as uncertainty surrounds the minority Conservatives and a coalition has formed between the opposition, there are other issues that have occurred over the past year, says MP for Westlock-St. Paul Brian Storseth.

When parliament returns on Jan. 26, Prime Minister Stephen Harper has said that the first order of business will be to table 2009 budget. The budget is a vote of confidence and if the budget is voted down, then the Governor-General Michaëlle Jean may have to make a decision to let Canada be run by a an NDP/Liberal coalition or call another election.

But, "Beyond that there are many significant issues in the past year. The hot topic of the year of course is the Economy," said Storseth to the Journal, just prior Christmas. "We are fortunate in the St. Paul area because we have an agrarian base and therefore tend to be a bit more stable than some other areas of the province," he added.

The "reduction in person-

al income tax by the federal government," Storseth pointed out, provides ordinary Canadians with tax relief in uncertain economic times.

The reduction in the GST to five per cent in January fulfilled the government's key campaign commitment.

"The Canadian government's increased investments in agriculture were important," explained Storseth. "Replacing the CAIS (Canadian Agricultural Income Stabilization) program with Growing Forward, AgriStability and AgriInvest (the new suite of Business Risk Management Programs), provides a safety net for those involved in agriculture. The auto sector is important but agriculture is the backbone of our province."

Looking into 2009

"Firstly, we need to focus on responsible accounting practices and on making sure that Canadians have jobs," said Storseth "In Canada we went into the recession later than the rest of the world and I believe we will come out of it earlier, but it is going to get worse before it gets better."

The Canada-Alberta infrastructure fund "will help bring construction projects to local companies,"

said Storseth "Alberta is leading the country in growth and so we need to keep up with infrastructure projects."

Criminal Justice System

The review of the Youth Criminal Justice Act (YCJA) in 2008 "was long overdue," said Storseth. In February, the Minister of Justice met with provincial and territorial Attorneys General to discuss how the Act could be improved.

Provincial and territorial Attorneys General have also co-chaired roundtables with front-line youth justice stakeholders across Canada.

"We will continue with reforms to the Criminal Justice System, making it tougher on repeat violent offenders and holding criminals accountable for their actions," said Storseth "We are going to work with law enforcement to ensure that the revisions are realistic."

Near future

Passport clinics will continue this year, with Storseth sending staff to Sunnyside Manor so seniors will not have to travel to his office.

And Storseth is going to be involved in consultations with the agriculture community at Flat Lake Hall in January.

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Holidays follow busy hockey week

Twas the last weekend before the Christmas and all though our minor hockey ranks, the teams were busy with last minute games, some of them, like the midget girls, were almost as busy as Santa, the girls playing three games in three days, Santa of course had only a few days left and plenty of orders to fill.

Friday night the midget girls took on Lloydminster and played as good as any team has all year. Three goals scored against them in the first period, but after that the girls shut them down. A strong fore checking game for Katie Maennchen, Raven "Beauty" Quinney, Kaitlyn Roberts, Chelsey Botting and Mariah Poitras all of who didn't allow the Blazers any room to set up

plays. Alyssa Harms, Mindy Meger, Tori "T Rex" Becker and Kelsey "he Champ" Vinge doing a great job on



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BASSETT**
Review Sports

the backend clearing the puck out of the front of the "Brick house" goalie Robyn Maennchen. And here's some bad news for the team: Lindsey "Goldilocks" MacDonald who had just a awesome game rushing with the puck, suffered a broken collar bone on Christmas Day and will be out of the lineup for the next six weeks or so.

On Saturday another good game against North Battleford, "T-rex" scoring the lone goal for the Storm.

Seanna Leaf, Mary Cleland and Brittany Ferris are improving week by week.

On Sunday the girls traveled to Hardisty, they didn't win, didn't even score any goals, but not for lack of trying. This team works

hard every game and their day will come, and when it does, you better watch out, I'm telling you why. Oh, by the way, they wanted to wish everyone a belated Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!

While chestnuts were roasting on an open fire, the Bantam Avalanche hosted Saddle Lake on a bitter cold Saturday night and needed a little fire to get things going. They had a slow start in the first period, down by five goals until Trever "the Kid" Ballas stoked the stove with a little coal and scored on a tip-in off a hard booming slap shot from the point man Brett "the Moose"

Ockerman, Jaminson "Fuzzy" Wozniak sweetened up the pot a little more with two goals in the second period and made this one closer, one assisted by Waylon "Willy" May and "the Moose," the other goal assisted by "the Kid". Showing lots of improvement every week in his skating and stickhandle skills is first time player Jordan "Bubbles" Atkinson.

The three stars were shining for Wolke Cueva with a big three-goal performance in Vermilion, when the Micro Novice Tornados played there on Saturday.

Three wise men played really well in Pierceland, Brandon "the Snake" Garrett and Colin "Naz Jr." Nazarchuk both scoring goals, Han Lo Pittlejon doing an excellent job at the other end keeping the puck out, Han Lo getting his first appearance between the pipes for the Pee wee A's.

Old "Mr. Scrooge," Brayden Vinge is still up to his old stingy ways, playing for the Cold Lake Freeze, a

peewee rep team. He shut the door on the Morinville guys the weekend before Christmas, Logan "Paycheck" Becker scoring a goal and adding a couple of assists in the win.

And speaking of traveling teams, I was in Dallas two weeks ago, my wife was on business and I tagged along because I have a brother Dave who lives there. Anyway, I took in two of my nephew's hockey games, 16-year-old, six foot two (everything is bigger in Texas) Matt Bassett scored two goals and had a few assists, he plays for the Duncanville Dragons minor midget team, it's a rep team playing out of one of the Dallas Stars arenas. They have four of them in Dallas. Anyway, they pay \$2,800 a season to play down there, the ice time is \$300 an hour, and their games are three 15-minute periods without a flood. We don't know how good we have it up here; guess there really is a Santa.

Happy birthdays this past week going out to our volunteer goalie coach, Geoff

Bishop, also to ex-minor hockey player and referee, Scotty Dallaire, referee and assistant coach helping out with both the bantam boys and the midget girls Tyler Loughran, and of course lets not forget the very special Jena "the Princess" Bassett, an ex-Midget-Storm player who now plays for a team in Cold Lake on the base called "Chicks with Sticks".

EDITOR'S NOTE: And don't forget the Sports-hound's own birthday this week. Have a great one, Doug, and all the best in 2009!

And now for the K.A. Campbell quote of the week: "This team never quits. Now, if it can just start winning." Last week's answer to: "Bob Kelly was so dumb that his name was the only name that was written on the Stanley Cup in crayon." - broadcaster Gene Hart.

Do you have any scoops? Now you can email them to sportshound007@hotmail.com

Cans stolen

By Cst. N. K. FEHR
Elk Point RCMP

Sometime during the night of Dec. 8, two large bags of cans, described as white in colour and approximately four feet in height and four feet wide, were taken from the Elk Point Bottle Depot on Railway Ave., Elk Point.

Anyone with information is asked to call Crime Stoppers at 1-800-222-TIPS (8477) or the Elk Point RCMP at (780) 724-3964.

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Town Council

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Waste agreement

Town manager Myron Goyan gave council his comments on the Evergreen Regional Waste Agreement, and noted that in addition to this agreement with the commission, the town still has to have an agreement with the County of St. Paul. Council tabled the agreement until after their upcoming meeting with county council. Up to this point, there has not been an agreement between the municipalities and Evergreen.

Municipal Development Copies of Elk Point's 2003 Municipal Development Plan were handed out to council for their review.

Recycling information

The representative of a Two Hills firm that manufactures recycling containers has expressed an interest in meeting with council and will be invited to an upcoming meeting.

Municipal law

Coun. Dick Millar,

Goyan and possibly another councillor will attend the Emerging Trends in Municipal Law session in Edmonton.

MS Advisory Council

Council agreed to once again sponsor the Multiple Sclerosis event in St. Paul to the same level as in 2008.

Full cost accounting

Information was received from Alberta Environment on full cost accounting, which Goyan says the town "has been doing for the past 10 years." In this method, expenses attributed to each municipal function are assessed to the appropriate department individually. The letter will be forwarded to the town's auditor.

Desert planters

Information regarding water-saving planters will be passed on to the beautification and Communities in Bloom committee currently being established by Coun. Millar. "We need the participation of the entire community," he noted.

FGM's 2007-08 awards presented

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Art: Art 20 - Robyn Ockerman, Nikki Marsh; Art 30 - Mindy Meger.

Industrial Education: Grade 7 - Leigha Bishop, Sherida Germain; Grade 8 - Cody Knopp, Cory Babcock; Grade 9 - Gregory Babcock; IE 10 - Amber Sadowinski; IE 20/30 - James Braga.

Brailsford Memorial Music Award - Dakota Desjarlais.

Career and Life Management Award: Alyx Aarbo.

Dr. K. C. Miller English 30-2 Award: Derek Wruth.

Apple Drugs Math and Science Award: Erin Lindquist.

Special Awards

Top Grade 7 Student (Elk Point Co-op): Violet Zimmerman

Top Grade 8 Student (Community Lions of Elk Point): Kelsey Lindquist

St. Paul Education Regional Division #1 Award for Grade 9 Academic Standing: Brendan Bishop

Top Grade 10 Academic Standing (Elk Point Insurance): Alyx Aarbo.

Top Grade 11 Academic Standing (ATB Financial): Nicole Kalynchuk

St. Paul Education Regional Division #1 Award for Grade 12 Academic Standing: Erin Lindquist.

Bruce Smith Memorial Award (Allen and Lucille Smith): Amber Sadowinski

C.J. Petroleum Personal Achievement Award (Elk Point UFA): Junior High - Gregory Babcock, Senior High - Megan Derewynka.

The Joy of Learning Grade 12 Scholarship: Erin Lindquist

The Great Kid Award: Terri White

Premier's Citizenship Award: Terri White

Governor General Academic Medal: Erin Lindquist

Dr. K. C. Miller Best All Around Student Award: Tyson Proskiw

Timmy Quinney Athletic Award: Tyson Proskiw

Valedictorian: Erin Lindquist

Sportsmanship /Athletic Awards

(presented at spring banquet)

Angels of the Morning

Yes, there are angels in Elk Point. Our family was blessed that they were watching.

The angels of whom I am talking about saved our son's life Friday, December 19 morning. Without the fast action of many, the situation may have been devastating.

The Legault family would like to take this time to sincerely thank all who touched Taylor's life over the past days and over the upcoming days of healing.

"We are not put on this earth for ourselves, but are placed here for each other. If you are there always for others, then in time of need, someone will be there for you."
- Jeff Warner

Junior High: Caitlin Brooks, Stephan John

Senior High: Bailey Youngmans, Adam Zapesocki

Junior High Athletes of the Year: Katie Maennchen, Brendan Bishop

Senior High Athletes of the Year: Taylor Jenner, Tyson Proskiw

Application Awards

Elk Point Elks Elmer Bjornstad Scholarship: Terri White

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Ila and Max Borowski Scholarship: Nicole Labrie

Elk Point and District Lions Club Scholarship: Bailey Youngmans

Steve Kuziw Memorial Scholarship: Tyson Proskiw

Kudu Physics/Biology/Chemistry Scholarship: Erin Lindquist, Allan MacDonald

Buffalo Resources Corporation Scholarship: Tyson Proskiw

Dr. Anne Wiegerinck Scholarship (Elk Point Health Care Centre Auxiliary): Terri White

County of St. Paul Scholarship: Erin Lindquist

Barrie Wayne McFadyen Memorial Scholarship: Erin Lindquist

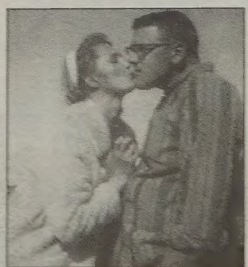
Alberta Apprenticeship and Industry Training Board Scholarship: Jeff Classen

Alexander Rutherford Scholarships: Nicole Labrie, Erin Lindquist, Tyson Proskiw, Terri White, Adam Zapesocki.

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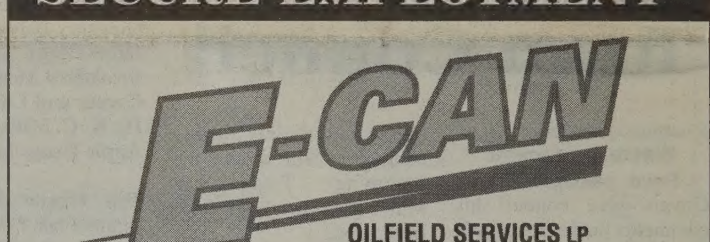
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Vicki Brooker photos



Landing lights vandalized

By Cst. N. K. FEHR
Elk Point RCMP

The recently installed landing lights designed to guide the STARS helicopter to the landing pad at Elk Point Health Centre were the victim of vandalism on the night of Dec. 5. Extensive damage was done to the lights.

Anyone with information about this incident is asked to call the Elk Point RCMP at (780) 724-3964 or Crime Stoppers at 1-800-222-TIPS (8477).

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